

HER ASPIRATIONS.

A Kansas Girl Who Took a Practical View of Educational Advantages.

There was little of the idealistic about the essay of a Kansas girl at her recent graduation. Her teacher had given her for a theme the phrase: "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy." She astonished her preceptor and schoolmates by these emphatic words:

"I do not care a cent whether Italy lies beyond the Alps or even in Missouri. I do not expect to set the river on fire with my future career. I am glad I have a good, very good education, but I am not going to misuse it by writing poetry or essays about the future woman. It will enable me to correct the grammar of any lover I may have, should he speak of 'dolls' in my presence, or say he went somewhere. It will also come handy when I want to figure out how many pounds of soap a woman can get for three dozen eggs at the grocery. So I do not begrudge the time I have spent in acquiring it. But my ambitions do not fly so high. I just want to marry a man who can lick anybody of his weight in the township, who can run an 80-acre farm and who has no female relatives to come around and try to boss the ranch. And I will agree to cook good dinners for him that won't send him to an early grave and lavish upon him a whole lot of wholesome affection and see that his razor hasn't been used to cut his hair when he wants to shave. In view of all this I don't care if I do get a little rusty on the rule of three and kindred things as the years go by."—Chicago Chronicle.

Woman in Finance.

A Detroit man, whose wife was coming to San Francisco on a visit, accompanied her as far as Chicago and put her on the overland train. Before leaving her he gave her the porter half of a five dollar bill that he had torn in two, telling her the man that his wife had the other half and would give it to him at the end of the journey if she were properly looked after. When he got home he found he had neglected to give his wife the other half of the torn bill, and a few days later he received a letter from his wife reminding him of the fact, and saying she had torn a dollar bill in two and given half of it to the porter. Somewhere along the line there must be a wild-eyed dork with the halves of two worthless bills in his possession and a firm conviction that he has been worked by some sort of a new flimflam game. Meanwhile, the Detroit man is anxious to find out what sort of reasoning his wife used when she gave that porter a half instead of the whole of that one dollar bill. —San Francisco Argonaut.

The Finest Road.

"I suppose," he began, as he entered a railroad ticket office—"I suppose you sell tickets to New York?"

"Certainly, sir," was the reply.

"You have a direct line?"

"It is down on the map as the only direct line."

"As you see, sir," replied the agent, as he opened a folder.

"Yes, I see. You land passengers in New York ahead of competing lines, of course?"

"Of course."

"Luxurious coaches—no dust—finest dining cars—security—unexcelled?"

"Yes, sir."

"By taking your line I avoid delays and reduce the chances of accident to a minimum?"

"Yes, sir, you do. Have a ticket to New York over our line, sir?"

"Can't say yet. I'm going to see five other agents, each with the shortest and most direct line, and if I find a far among the six I'll ticket over his road?" —Ohio State Journal.

Unable to Pronounce It.

The neighbors of a certain well-known Memphis Irish family say that the good housewife and her lord never know what domestic discord is except when the old man goes home slightly in his cups. Then there is trouble, and plenty of it, for the old lady is tire and tow and she says she has consistently tried for a score of years to get "Monke" to quit it. The storms, according to the story, have grown less violent of late years, and for that matter the tippy periods of "Monke" are not of such frequent recurrence as formerly. Not long ago, so the story goes, the old man went home pretty well tanked, and his wife met him.

"Yes," she said, "ye're a comin' home again, an' I that drunk. My, my, O, my, Monke, an' why is it ye've got fur sarsaparilla when ye get out?"

"Pakeas," replied Mike, "when O gits enuf O can't say 'sarsas-as-april-a,' an' now ye's here!" —Memphis Scimitar.

An Extinguisher.

Thump, thump! Rattle, rattle, crash!

Young Percy Stonebroke rolled down the steps of the palatial residence of Mr. Gold-bands.

Mr. Goldbands returned to the house, rolling down his sleeves.

"Papa, O, papa, what have you been doing?"

This question came in anguished tones from the ruby lips of Arabella Goldbands.

"Putting out the light of your life," answered Percy, who had done a little caving-dropping in the hall the night before.—Baltimore American.

After all, the question which disturbs men most, is how to earn more and work less.—Athenion Globe.

Self-respect is the corner stone of all virtue.—Sir John Herschel.

Trust that man in nothing who has not a conscience in everything.—Stierne.

Prosperity for 1900.

Indications everywhere point to great prosperity for the coming year. This is an invariable sign of a healthy nature. The success of a country, as well as the success of an individual, depends upon health. There can be no health if the stomach is weak. If you have any stomach trouble try Hostetter's Stomach Bitters which cures dyspepsia, indigestion and biliousness. It makes strong, vigorous men and women.

His Card.

A commercial traveler on his trip called upon a well-known chemist. He was nervous as he put his hand in his pocket and handed out a card.

"I represent that concern," said the young man.

"You are fortunate," replied the chemist. The commercial traveler was encouraged and said:

"I think so, sir, and the chemist who trades with us is a /en more so. My firm has the finest line of cosmetics in the country."

"I shouldn't have thought it," slowly responded the man of medicine. "Her complexion looks natural."

And he handed back the photograph which the young man had given him by mistake. He took it and left without waiting to make any farewell remarks.—London Tit-Bits.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

West & Traux, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Wadding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The Farmer Scored.

A farmer drifted into a hardware store at Midvale and was asked by the manager: "Don't you want to buy a bicycle to ride around your farm on?" They're cheap now. Can give you one for \$35."

"I'd sooner put the \$35 into a cow," said the farmer.

"But think," said the manager, "how foolish you would look riding around town on a cow."

"Oh, I don't know," said the farmer; "no more foolish, perhaps, than I would milking a bicycle." —Kansas City Journal.

\$20 Per Week.

We pay \$20 per week and expenses for man with rig to introduce our Poultry Mixture. Send stamp for terms. Excelsior Mfg. Co., Parsons, Kans.

Her Modest Hint.

He—Were you ever caught beneath the mistletoe?

She—Perhaps you had better come around Christmas and see if I act like one who has had experience.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Babies Will Not Laugh

When noxious drugs are given them for Croup, Coughs, Colds and Bronchitis, Hoxsie's Croup Cure is the best. 50 cts.

The person who gives a note is allowed three days of grace—after that how many of disgrace we are not in a position to state.—Philadelphia Times.

The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of Grove's Tremulous Chills Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price, 50c.

"Why did Coit introduce an automobile in his last farce comedy?" "He was tired of hearing the critics accuse him of horse play." —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

An old bachelor says that some women are born foolish, some achieve folly and the rest marry fools.—Chicago Daily News.

The Queen & Crescent

Only 24 hours to New Orleans. The Queen & Crescent is the shortest line South.

Be your character what it will, it will be known; and nobody will take it upon your word.—Chatterfield.

Each package of PUTNAM FADELESS DYES colors either Silk, Wool or Cotton perfectly. Sold by all druggists.

Women, when cornered, cry, and thus gain time in which to think up a new excuse.—Athenion Globe.

Actors, Vocalists, Public Speakers praise Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar. Pike's Toothache Drops Cure in one minute.

It is only when she is poor and homely that a girl can be sure the man who wooes her is really in love.—Chicago Dispatch.

Piso's Cure is the medicine to break up children's Coughs and Colds.—Mrs. M. G. Blunt, Sprague, Wash., March 8, '94.

Childhood may do without a grand purpose, but manhood cannot.—Holland.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson in the International Series for January 7, 1900—The Birth of Christ—Luke 2:1-14.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.—Matt. 1:21.

THE LESSON TEXT.

4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David):

5. To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

6. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9. And to the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

14. Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.

NOTES AND SUGGESTIONS.

While the lesson topic is "The Birth of Jesus," the study should include the Gospel narrative of all prior to that event. The Scriptures to be studied will include the following: Gospel introductions—Mark 1:1; Luke 1:1-4; John 1:1-18; genealogies of Christ—Matt. 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38; annunciation to Zacharias—Luke 1:5-25; annunciation to Mary—Luke 1:26-38; visit of Mary to Elizabeth—Luke 1:39-56; annunciation to Joseph—Matt. 1:18-25; birth of John the Baptist—Luke 1:57-80; birth of Jesus—Luke 2:1-20.

It will be noted that the facts given with their references are in direct chronological order, and it will be a great help in studying the life of Christ to follow it in that way. In fact that is the manner in which the lessons are mapped out by the International committee for the next 18 months.

Gospel Introductions.—Concerning the introductions to the Gospels, note the terse brevity of Mark, the careful preface of Luke, and the sublime setting forth by John of the divinity of Christ.

The Genealogies.—Relative to the genealogies, observe that both aim to show that Jesus came of the royal line of David, as the prophets had declared that the Messiah should do, but Matthew traces the descent down from Abraham, through David, to Joseph, while Luke runs the line back from Mary, through David, to Adam. In Luke, however, Mary's name is not mentioned. But the enumeration in Luke begins with the statement that Jesus was "the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, (the son) (descendant) of Heli," the intention evidently being to remove the false impression that Joseph was his father. And this corresponds with the statement in the Talmud that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was the daughter of Heli.

The Annunciations.—Zacharias, the priest, to whom the annunciation of John's birth was made, belonged to the eighth in order of the 24 courses into which the priests were divided. Each course served only twice during the year, and no one was permitted to offer incense the second time until each one in his course had had his turn. It was probably, then, the first time that Zacharias had fulfilled this holy service.

The object in relating the annunciations is to show, as the Apostles' Creed has it, that Jesus Christ, God's only Son, was "conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary." The annunciation to Zacharias declared the mission of John the Baptist, that to Mary announced the nature, the name and the mission of Jesus, that to Joseph declared the divine conception of Christ, His name and His mission.

The Thanksgivings.—Notice the inspired thanksgiving of Mary (Luke 1:46-55) and of Zacharias (Luke 1:67-79), the first known as the Magnificat, and the other the Benedictus, from the first words of each in the old Latin version.

The Incarnation.—The great telescopes of our day are so made that the observer does not look through the tube directly at a star, but studies the reflection of the star in a small mirror. This device has made possible the great enlargement of the telescope, and thus revealed a wealth of information inaccessible to feeble instruments. The ancient philosophers and sages sought for God much as the old astronomers scanned the heavens with their little tubes. They discovered much that was valuable, but at the best their results were dim and uncertain. But in the incarnation we have "the express image" of the Father reflected in a human life. Here we may discern and study all His attributes. No man can look directly at the sun; none could gaze upon the unveiled glory of God. But though "no man hath seen God at any time," yet "the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him" (John 1:18).—Adapted from Henry Van Dyke.

PRACTICAL.

In coming to the world as a babe, the Son of God became man, one with us. Jesus is our Elder Brother.

In becoming man, the Son of God became subject to our temptations, so that He can succor the tempted.

In becoming man, the Son of God showed now great is the divine love for us. It was love that sought our love.

The sky shadow steals away upon the dial, and the quickest eye can discover no more but that it is gone.—Glanville.

CALENDAR FOR 1900.

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To Los Angeles and Southern California.

Every Friday night, at 10:35 p. m., a through Tourist Car for Los Angeles and Southern California, leaves the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Union Passenger Station, Chicago, via Omaha, Colorado Springs and Salt Lake City, for all points in Colorado, Utah, Nevada and California.

In addition to the regular Pullman porter, each car is accompanied by an intelligent, competent and courteous "courier," who will attend to the wants of passengers en route. This is an entirely new feature of tourist car service and will be appreciated by families or by ladies traveling alone. Particular attention is paid to the care of children, who usually get weary on a long journey.

These tourist cars are sleeping cars supplied with all the accessories necessary to make the journey comfortable and pleasant, and the berth rate (each berth will accommodate two persons) is only \$6.00 from Chicago to California. Ask the nearest ticket agent for a tourist car folder, or address Geo. H. Headford, General Pass. and Ticket Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Ambiguous.

An Irish cyclist was bitten on the leg by a savage bull terrier. He wrote a long complaint to the local paper, the communication closing with the sentence: "The dog, I understand, belongs to the town magistrate, who resides in the neighborhood, and is allowed to wander on the road unmuzzled, and yet he sits on the bench in judgment on others." —Philadelphia Call.

Through the South to California.

To those contemplating a trip to California particular attention is called to the Sunset Limited service from New Orleans to Los Angeles and San Francisco via the Southern Pacific Company's Sunset Route. This service is semi-weekly, the Limited leaving New Orleans every Monday and Thursday, and direct connection is made from all points North. The Sunset Limited provides every comfort and luxury, and comprises Composite Car with Bath Room, Barber Shop, Library and Smoking Room; Compartment car with commodious ladies' parlor, and superb 10-section double drawing room sleeping cars, and Southern Pacific Company Dining Car in which all meals are served a la carte. The Dining Car is a part of, and accompanies the train from New Orleans to San Francisco. No extra fare is charged for the many luxuries that the Sunset Limited affords. The same rates to California and Arizona apply via New Orleans and the Sunset Route as via other direct routes. Full particulars relative to route, rates, and service, will be cheerfully furnished by any representative of the Southern Pacific Company, or address W. G. Keirsey, G. W. A., 238 Clark Street, Chicago, W. H. Connor, Com'l Agent, Chamber of Commerce Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, or W. J. Berg, Trav. Pass. Agent, 220 Elliott Square, Buffalo, N. Y.

Corra—"Do you like to hear any 'whistle'?" Merritt—"No, but I like the way her mouth looks when she gets ready to 'whistle'."—Town Topics.

THE MARKETS.

Cincinnati, Dec. 29.		CHICAGO, Dec. 29.	
LIVE STOCK—Cattle, com'n	3 30	4 25	
Select butcher	4 00	4 75	
CALVES—Extra	4 00	4 75	
HOGS—Choice packers	4 40	4 45	
Mixed packers	4 30	4 45	
Light shippers	4 30	4 45	
SHEEP—Choice	3 85	4 10	
LAMBS—Extra	5 00	5 75	
FLOUR—Winter patent	2 25	2 00	
GRAIN—Wheat—No. 2 red	66 75	67 00	
No. 3 red	66 25	66 50	
Corn—No. 2 mixed	66 75	67 00	
Oats—No. 2 mixed	66 75	67 00	
Rye—No. 2	66 75	67 00	
PRYIONS—Mess pork	66 75	67 00	
Lard	66 75	67 00	
HAY—Choice timothy	16 00	16 25	
LETTER—Choice dairy	16 00	16 25	
Choice creamery	16 00	16 25	
APPLES—Choice to fancy	60 00	60 25	
POTATOES—Per bu.	1 05	1 15	

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.		NEW YORK, Dec. 29.	
FLOUR—Winter patent	4 00	62 50	
GRAIN—Wheat—No. 2 red	67 00	62 50	
No. 3 Chicago spring	62 50	60 00	
CORN—No. 2	30 75	60 00	
Oats—No. 2	20 00	60 00	
PORK—Mess	8 85	60 00	
LARD—Steam	5 30	14 50	

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.		BALTIMORE, Dec. 29.	
FLOUR—Winter patent	3 55	60 50	
GRAIN—Wheat—No. 2 red	67 00	62 50	
No. 3	62 50	60 00	
CORN—No. 2 mixed	30 75	60 00	
Oats—No. 2	20 00	60 00	
RYE—	20 00	60 00	
Oats—Mixed	20 00	60 00	
PORK—Mess	10 50	60 00	
LARD—Steam	5 30	60 00	

BALTIMORE, Dec. 29.		INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 29.	
FLOUR—Family	3 20	60 50	
GRAIN—Wheat—No. 2 red	67 00	62 50	
Southern	62 50	60 00	
Corn—Mixed	30 75	60 00	
Oats—No. 2 white	20 00	60 00	
No. 2 1/2	20 00	60 00	
CATTLE—First quality	4 75	60 00	
HOGS—Western	4 00	60 00	

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 29.		LOUISVILLE, Dec. 29.	
GRAIN—Wheat—No. 2 red	67 00	62 50	
Corn—No. 2 mixed	30 75	60 00	
Oats—No. 2 mixed	20 00	60 00	
FLOUR—Winter patent	3 45	60 00	
GRAIN—Wheat—No. 2 red	67 00	62 50	
Southern	62 50	60 00	
Corn—Mixed	30 75	60 00	
Oats—Mixed	20 00	60 00	
PORK—Mess	10 50	60 00	